



Biography of

Saxby Chambliss

United States Senator for Georgia

On November 5, 2002, Saxby Chambliss was elected Georgia's 63rd United States Senator in what was one of the most stunning and historical victories of the 2002 midterm elections.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and the Senate Rules Committee, Chambliss has emerged as a leader in Washington and gained the reputation as an expert on defense, intelligence and agriculture.

While Chambliss is only in his third year in the Senate, he was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry in January 2005. Chairing such a prestigious post means Chambliss is chiefly responsible for directing congressional efforts that could impact America's agriculture industry for generations to come. Leading agriculture industry groups, such as, the American Farm Bureau praised Chambliss as a "good leader who has earned the respect of the agriculture industry." As the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Chambliss hit the ground running by holding a hearing for President Bush's nominee to head the United States Department of Agriculture on his first day on the job.

Recognizing that one in six jobs in Georgia is connected to agriculture and the importance of the industry to the state's economy, Chambliss has fought for Georgia's farmers and agribusiness community. Prior to his election to Congress, Chambliss specialized in agricultural law in South Georgia. During his four terms in the House, Chambliss served on the House Agriculture Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. While on this Committee, Chambliss was instrumental in drafting two farm bills and reforming our nation's crop insurance program.

Additionally, Chambliss' leadership and experience on the issues of terrorism, homeland security, and intelligence matters earned him an appointment to the prestigious Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Chambliss earned national recognition as chairman of the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security making him one of the leading congressional experts on these issues. In the months immediately following the tragic September 11th terrorist attacks, Chambliss' House subcommittee conducted a thorough investigation and released the first comprehensive report detailing critical shortfalls within the United States intelligence community's performance and technological capabilities.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Chambliss remains committed to continuing Georgia's longstanding tradition of leadership in Washington and advocacy for the state's 13 military installations. Following in the footsteps of former Senators Richard B. Russell, Jr., and Sam Nunn, Chambliss is a strong voice for Georgia's defense industry and the military community. Chambliss, who previously worked in support of Georgia during the last round of base closures, will be an instrumental figure in preparing and protecting Georgia's bases in advance of the next round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 2005. Chambliss has also worked hard to improve the quality of life for our troops and their families.

Chambliss first arrived in Washington in 1994 representing the 8th congressional district of Georgia. Throughout his legislative career, Chambliss has been honored with many awards from both the private and public sector for his work in the fields of agriculture, defense, budget, and national security. He is a past recipient of the Air Force Association's *W. Stuart Symington Award*, the top civilian award given annually for outstanding contributions in the field of national security.

Chambliss is a member of the Senate Caucus on Military Depots, Arsenals and Ammunition Plants, the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation, the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, the Rural Health Caucus, the Juvenile Diabetes Caucus and the National Guard Caucus.

Chambliss earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1966 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1968. Senator Chambliss and his wife, Julianne, have been married since 1966, and reside in Moultrie, Georgia. They have two children and two grandchildren.